

## Message Text

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USMISSION GENEVA

C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 2924

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, SREF, TH  
SUBJECT: WCRP VESSEL ACTIVITIES

REF: A) SINGAPORE 790 B) SINGAPORE 917

1. DR. HOMER JACK, WCRP SEC GEN, ACCOMPANIED BY MR. MEHERVAN SINGH OF INTER-RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION IN SINGAPORE, CALLED AT EMBASSY MAR 7 TO DISCUSS SITUATION OF THE 254 REFUGEES ON BOARD THE LEAP DAL, RATHER UNSEAWORTHY VESSEL CONTINUING TO LIE OFF SINGAPORE. PURPOSE OF THEIR BANGKOK VISIT IS, OF COURSE, TO PERSUADE RTG TO TAKE BACK THE 254 REFUGEES INTO THAILAND.

2. THE TWO OFFICIALS ADVISED THAT, THANKS TO INTRODUCTION BY A PROMINENT THAI, THEY HAVE APPOINTMENT SET FOR  
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MAR 8 WITH INTERIOR MINISTER SAMAK SUNTHORAWAT. IF SAMAK DOES NOT AGREE TO TAKE BACK REFUGEES, ONLY OPTIONS WCRP FORESEES ARE (A) FOR REFUGEES TO BE TAKEN ILLEGALLY TO COUNTRY LIKE AUSTRALIA, OR (B) TO ASK SINGAPORE TO ADMIT THEM ON BASIS OF PRIOR GUARANTEES BY WESTERN NATIONS AND UNHCR TO RESETTLE THEM WITHIN DEFINITE TIME PERIOD. BECAUSE OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THESE

REFUGEES, IT IS NOT CERTAIN THAT ANYONE WILL AGREE TO  
GIVE SUCH GUARANTEES, EVERYONE AGREED.

3. ONLY ENCOURAGING ELEMENT IN LEAP DAL SITUATION IS  
THAT FRANCE HAS AGREED TO ACCEPT ITS CAMBODIAN CREW AS  
REFUGEES NEXT WEEK. THIS PRESENTS PROBLEM, OBVIOUSLY,  
AS TO HOW REFUGEES CAN BE RETURNED TO THAILAND. WCRP  
IS CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF LAND TRAVEL UNDER GUARD  
THROUGH MALAYSIA.

4. PER INSTRUCTION, EMBOFF OFFERED TO ASSIST JACK IF  
HE SAW NEED. JACK AGREED TO CONTACT US AFTER HIS  
MEETING WITH SAMAK, IN CASE IT IS UNSUCCESSFUL.

5. JACK WAS DISTURBED THAT THICH NHAT HAN, NOW IN  
MELBOURNE, IS STILL APPARENTLY COMMUNICATING -- OR  
TRYING TO COMMUNICATE -- WITH THE ROLAND AND LEAP DAL,  
LEADING ONE TO WONDER WHAT HAN IS UP TO NOW.

6. UNHCR HAS BEGUN ANALYZING LEAP DAL PASSENGER LIST.  
VERY PRELIMINARY FINDINGS ARE THAT MAJORITY OF PERSONS  
WERE NEVER IN REFUGEE CAMPS WHILE LIVING IN THAILAND.  
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